

EXPLANATORY NOTE.

This circular is made up largely from notes received from our agricultural explorers, foreign correspondents, collaborators, and others relative to the more important plants which have been received recently by the Office of Foreign Seed and Plant Introduction of the Department of Agriculture. In it are also contained accounts of the behavior in America of plants previously introduced.

Descriptions which appear here are revised and published later in the Inventory of Seeds and Plants Imported.

These are ONLY ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE ARRIVAL OF THE PLANT MATERIAL. With the exception of seed received in quantity, it must be propagated before it is available for the experimenters. This requires from one to four years, depending upon the species and the amount of material imported.

The Annual List of New Plant Introductions which is issued every autumn gives descriptions of the material ready to send out to experimenters. You can apply for any material described in Plant Immigrants and your application will be kept on file and given precedence whenever the material is sent out. If the number of such applications on file is sufficient to exhaust the available supply of any particular plant, it will not be described in the Autumn List of New Introductions.

One of the objects of the Office of Foreign Seed and Plant Introduction is to secure experimental quantities of new or rare foreign seeds or plants for plant breeders and experimenters, and every effort will be made to fill specific requests.

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